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think there's agreement that the committee amendment is good The question is a relatively close one for me. I think in my own mind I had said to myself, when I had voted to advance, I'll vote to advance this power because essentially it gives the power to the state Legislature. Should we be faced with exercising that power, I'm not sure what I would do. And in fact, I have some reluctance. If in fact we had this power, I'm not sure I would vote for it to exercise it. But there are related issues. And since we're in this area, it's interesting point. Because what Senator Redfield brings to us this question of, what happens when there are state obligations...or, I'm sorry, local obligations, property tax obligations, that fall heavily on the property tax payer, yet you don't have an oar in the water, and you can make it worse for the people who do have to pay taxes by voting their levies up when you don't have property? Should you be able to vote? Because that's, in essence, the issue here--whether or not somebody should be able to vote on an issue that will affect property taxes when they don't bear a burden or a responsibility out of it; a renter, who doesn't pay property taxes, voting for a lid override when their landlord will pay the higher taxes. Now, it will come to them eventually, but they don't...their name is not on the tax form and they may not have an obligation. You may live in a place in which you don't own property, and yet you do get to vote. This starts us down the path of saying, let's go into that situation and see if we can assess responsibility a little more based on whether you have an oar in the water or not. I do remember Senator Coordsen's basic argument and, although it was related to this, it was really more general. His basic concern was this. What do you do in the case of a town that has a rather good deal of agricultural land on its perimeter, who does a veto...not a veto override, but a levy override? Who's going to bear the burden of that? It's easy for the city folks to vote for that levy override, because the majority of the property so affected will be agricultural land. On the other hand, the complaint that George was making there about farms being treated in that way is just the flip side of the coin of a call I've gotten, as an urban senator, half a dozen times in my years here, people who are young people who have no kids, who say, why am I paying such high property tax for a school system when I don't have